

- I think the Sanctuary should include other species, especially monk seals, sea turtles, other cetaceans, dolphins. I would like to see a consideration of boundary expansion.
- The sanctuary should be expanded from humpback whales to other species (in air, land, water) The sanctuary should address not just sea life, but also sand erosion, bird life, water quality
- We need a more ecology-based sanctuary, e.g. land erosion and its effects on marine ecosystems
- The sanctuary should go up the mountain, ahupua'a system. Go up the hill. (injection wells, feral ungulates)
- We don't need a whale sanctuary, it's already a protected species. The area of the sanctuary is the bread and butter for a lot of fishermen.
- I agree with the ahupua'a system. More communication between cultural aspects, fishermen. Not just for whales; everything.
- I agree water quality is an issue. Sanctuary should be stronger on vessel speed. Acoustic impacts should be addressed.
- The Sanctuary should like at issues such as: wind farms, vessel speeds, west side of Lanai for undersea cable, a haul out area for Hawaiian monk seals
- The general public needs to know more about the process; what is being done, what will be done, what can and cannot be done. The government should communicate with people on a people-level.
- I want to see support for artificial reef programs. Need to create these artificial environments.
- There should be more interface with other organizations, e.g. Roi Roundup. More communication between organizations.
- I want to see more studies on species before more species are brought in (e.g., taape, toau). Have these kinds of meetings in central Maui and Hana so more of the public can get involved.
- Runoff, water quality, SONAR, stranding response are all issues. The ahupua'a system is always great. The reasons why marine mammals are stranding are linked to runoff, water quality, and SONAR. I would have liked to say a prayer for the animal before it went on the flight. This is the first time there was no prayer. NOAA staff body language was disappointing; they were too excited to use their new center; even though there was a tank available at the Maui Ocean Center. The number of strandings has quadrupled due to water quality, SONAR testing, and runoff. Hotel development and runoff should be addressed by the Sanctuary. Stream/river water should reach the ocean.
- Monk seals – about 20 years ago I didn't see them here on Maui. You should round up the seals here and take them to the NWHI.

- You should write the reports/EIS in English, not government jargonese. The original intent gets lost in government translation.
- I have been diving for 37 years in the nearshore reef systems. I feel distressed about the changes. The sanctuary should have “no take” zones to protect the nearshore reef systems (water quality, injection wells, runoff, effects of pineapple fields).
- There should be limits for SAC members for fresh ideas. There is conflicting interest with business members. There needs to be a balance between public members and business members.
- Cultural aspects – the Hawaiians knew how to take care of it all.
- Let the Hawaiian people harvest some of the sea turtles. Sea turtles are really over-populated now.
- Does the sanctuary have limits to lobbying? Have an arm to communicate with the legislators. Need to have a way to keep legislature informed. Education is key.
- Wetland areas: if you are going to have streams reach the ocean there’s a problem with invasive species that needs to be looked at. Need to address invasive species because they are a part of the waterway.
- The sanctuary can develop a way to interface with other government agencies (e.g. DLNR, NRCS, etc). To access different money available.
- I am concerned about the fishing; the shutdown of bottomfishing.
- Proposed fish farms cause problems with water quality because of the fish food and poop in one area, cables (to hold down cages – causing problems with entanglement), whales will come close to the fish farms to eat the baby fish. Water quality problems will advance impacts on coral and visitor industry. Study what the impacts are of fish farms on local fishermen and commercial fishermen. What is the cultural take of fish farms as opposed to fish ponds?
- Coral reef – keeping healthy is a priority and sanctuary can do education
- Sanctuary should change name to “Hawaiian Islands NMS” (drop “humpback whales”) and expand to protect other resources
- Whales are protected already. Whales are tame. They approach the boats. How are we supposed to fish? Name “sanctuary” is a turn-off. Whales are already protected in the U.S. In deepwater you can’t see the resources so what is the point of a sanctuary?
- Enforcement – we see tour boats surrounding the whales. Who does enforcement? We need more.
- I don’t want my freedom as a fisherman restricted. Every region has individual needs so we need specialized approach to management.
- I would like the sanctuary to be habitat-based so there are more fish for the fisherman. Ecosystem-based. Critical for culture to keep fishing vibrant.
- Injection wells. Sanctuary should work on the issues. Protect corals because they are habitat for fish. Runoff is harming corals. Need to enforce runoff that harms corals.

- If we bring monk seals back it will bring great white sharks and tiger sharks to this area. Right now the sharks swim through but do not stop here. Having monk seal colonies here would make the sharks stay because of new food source. This is bad for tourism. Do not add monk seals to sanctuary and do not bring them here.
- Water quality studies should be done on a large scale.
- More species equal more predators. We are worried about bottom fishing grounds – that's where they will feed. Monk seals are an alien species. Monk seals eat the fish that we eat – on the line – they don't catch their own. It's hard for the fishermen. If you could help us out by keeping alien species out we would appreciate it. Adding new species might bring more predators, more predators will eat the fish. Worried about other species eating fishermen's livelihood.
- Sediment flowing into the water has a negative effect on habitat. I would like to see the boundary expanded to what was originally proposed. The current water treatment system needs to be replaced. Injection wells carry waste water right to the reef. Sanctuary should get involved in water quality. It impacts fish and corals. Need to do more testing and enforcement. County water treatment is not good enough. Need federal government to come in and help.
- I'm not convinced the sanctuary should expand to other species at this time. Look at the existing programs and make sure the sanctuary is really protecting humpback whales. Ecosystem-based approach makes sense. It's a good approach but may not be time (yet) to add other species at this time. More education on what the sanctuary already does so that people understand and to increase awareness.
- Humpbacks are doing fine. The sanctuary is looking to add new species to get more funding. The sanctuary is not needed. Sanctuary was not needed because management under Magnuson-Stevens Act was sufficient. Sanctuary is only here to give out federal grants and money, but it is duplicative.
- We have a stewardship duty to take care of things. Find out a way to have more fish for people and monk seals. I support expanding species such as monk seals, manta rays, and sea birds. Need a place for kids to work at home – science-based jobs when they graduate. The sanctuary should work on the water quality issue. Sanctuary was not needed because management under Magnuson-Stevens Act was sufficient. Sanctuary is only here to give out federal grants and money, but it is duplicative.
- Before the sanctuary, there wasn't stranding response. We are here to take care of the resources, not just to take what we want. The sanctuary is good to provide education and science jobs for the local children.
- There should be water quality enforcement. Those creating pollution should be fined. Sanctuary should have enforcement team.
- The sanctuary should start documenting what whale watchers do – they have regulations to follow too – should follow the 100 yard approach rule – no one is there to enforce it. When the whale population increased it wasn't because of the sanctuary. They were increasing worldwide. Why bother with the sanctuary? Nothing except education has been done by the sanctuary and the whales recovered anyway. Whales bug the fishermen, they don't want whales around while they fish.

- If you increase whale population, how will that affect other species? More whales might expand their boundaries and have an impact on other species. Need to study this further.
- We would like to see the benefits of federal dollars spent in our community. Expand sanctuary scope to include their resources, for example corals. Federal money for sanctuary is bringing money to this community, this is good.
- I'm not against expanding to include other species. I'm just not sure if now is the time for it. Jobs – the education programs the sanctuary has been doing are great, but don't see it creating jobs for local people. There is still a lot of work to be done towards the original mission. Sanctuary should show results toward mission to protect whales. Still need to work to meet original goals. Sanctuary expansion does not seem to bring jobs and money to THIS community. If it were that would be great.
- Sanctuary needs to get more involved with Hawaiian culture – classes and informational meetings.
- Whale watching has tamed whales. They come to the boat when they hear the engine. People have caused the problem. Do what Chevron did, a speaker with killer whales sound. Maybe a short-range blast so whales keep their distance from boats, especially fishing boats. Problems are caused because of lack of common sense. Whales used to swim away. Now they are attracted by boat motor noise because of whale watching. They like the interactions with whale watching boats but now that whales are attracted by boat noise it causes more vessel strikes. This is bad. Humans are responsible for causing this problem.
- Pump-out stations at harbor. Expanding species - need to look at the entire ecosystem, including turtles. The sanctuary could include more species and turtles. Water quality. Need to address policy or regulations against dumping of vessel discharges. Or better enforcement. Or more pump out stations. It would be good to have enough turtles so that they can be de-listed so that we can eat turtles again.
- Whale sanctuary could affect fishing. Whales hang out at prime fishing grounds.
- Should do study on whether whales are attracted by boat motor sounds and if yes, when and where this happens.
- I would love to see the sanctuary much more involved in cultural matters and education about cultural matters. Estuaries should be included in the sanctuary. Sanctuary should have cultural programs that provide jobs and internships specifically for locals.
- More integration of culture into the sanctuary program, not just side-by-side, but true integration. Why is there only one enforcement boat in Maui? Need more enforcement especially in winter when whales are around.
- Sanctuary can work with the `Aha Moku system, combine the old with the new and come up with something unique for the Hawaiian Islands.
- A system of rotating fishing locations was done 20 years ago and works. There was always fish. Go back to the system of the past where people take care of people. More programs means more regulations which means less freedom. People used to self-regulate: they would move from a good fishing spot to another to conserve resources. Now people fish one spot until it's overfished. People used to take care of people, now

people expect federal government to fix things but it created too many regulations. Hard not to break regulations nowadays because there are so many.

- Should be cultural protocols for whales. Would like to see management of special places (Olowalu, Makena, Ma'alaea) Sanctuary can bring people together. Support sanctuary in our community. Should be local support and base decisions on local knowledge, not on decision from Washington DC. Need to bring science together to really find out status of resources and threats.
- Habitats are critical, can't save species without habitat. As populations increase there will be impact on resources. Should evaluate that – and need to protect habitat not just the animals.
- Local marine management – like to see Local Marine Management Areas (LMMA's) supported by communities and the sanctuary. Sanctuary can help enforce rules that are created by local government.
- People have a responsibility to protect local natural resources – malama. Reaching out to the people who live in an area is respectful and good. Grateful that sanctuary is taking time to listen to local/native Hawaiian knowledge. People who live here have a kuleana – reaching those who live here is respectful of their kuleana and that is a good thing.
- Sanctuary should surround the entire Hawaiian Islands—makes scientific and political sense. Everyone has to abide by same regulations throughout Hawaii's waters within the 100 fathom isobaths.
- Concerned about water quality and how it affects people and marine resources—would like the sanctuary to do something with water quality.
- Sanctuary should be involved in water quality legislation. Need sanctuary enforcement and monitoring for water quality.
- Continue education programs, add a mentoring program to keep kids in Hawaii.
- Sanctuary needs to be involved in protecting Hawaiian culture. Teach cultural heritage, cultural education/outreach to non-native Hawaiians.
- Need a speed limit for vessels and enforcement of the limits in sanctuary waters and if done regionally—especially Maui County.
- Sanctuary needs to be ecosystem-based. 100 fathom contour area good start, but other areas may need more or less. 100 fathom contour needs to be flexible depending on resources/bathymetry.
- Don't need a sanctuary—there are lots of whales; interactions with whales most often by researchers, whale watchers—not fishermen.
- One size doesn't fit all. Consider regional management. One way: regional councils; by moku by moku, ahupua'a by ahupua'a. These councils already established, utilize them more and will naturally integrate cultural aspects. Aha moku council might be a mechanism to assist with regional management approach. Sanctuary should be ecosystem based and regional.
- Pertaining to the water: education, participation; traditional ways.

- Sanctuary should expand in boundary and species with holistic look at what is allowed and not allowed in the sanctuary waters. E.g. reducing fuel burning of Maui Electric in Maui, sustainable food sources...
- Determine whether or not aquaculture is appropriate in the sanctuary.
- Fish depletion in water. Regulations needed on aquarium trade collecting—sanctuary should assist with this issue.
- Bring non-ocean users into the process—because they also impact resources, e/g. talks at grocery stores.
- Sanctuary should expand to include other marine life. Fishing community and sanctuary are really on the same page—both want healthy oceans.
- Document sources of chemical pollution within the sanctuary and develop point source mitigation where feasible.
- Change the name: Main Hawaiian Islands NMS in interim. After management plan is completed, ask Hawaiian community to give it a traditional Hawaiian name. Finish MP, change name (to MHINMS) temporarily before asking for traditional Hawaiian name (like the Monument).
- Sanctuary enhances attention to whales so they now come up to fishing boats. Sanctuary should dissolve.
- Look at the water quality from non-point source, too. Support enforcement of Clean Water Act that is being violated by state and county through injection wells.
- Aquarium trade: most animals die before even leaving the islands. Sanctuary should address the aquarium trade.
- During process, commercial ocean users always need to have a voice. Ocean users are part of the matrix.
- A management plan based on concepts of ahupua'a would make sense. Responsible to the land as well as the water.
- Involve kids in investigating/finding solutions to ocean issues.
- Acoustic impacts: define and mitigate impacts on sanctuary resources; e.g. Navy sonar, underwater demolition.
- There needs to be an overarching policy as to what the sanctuary is (see David Laist's comment in the Comments Box). Like the monument, need to include vision in the management plan.
- Impacts of things like RIMPAC as far as acoustic impacts. All military activities need an Environmental Impact Statement.
- Check vessels from other places for invasive/alien species.
- Overall emphasis should be research and education. The best managed population is the one that is the best educated. Education is less costly than enforcement and fosters understanding.
- Support (enforcement) all aspects of sanctuary, with partner agencies.
- Add coral! (to protect and educate about) Education programs need to continue.
- Increase transparency when whales strand/die. Let the public know details of disposition and cause of death of a stranded animal—to better prevent and understand future strandings. Include native Hawaiians.

- Sanctuary needs partnerships to accomplish goals (public, native Hawaiians, other agencies...)
- Need more transparency in the management: i.e. communication, budget. Become more a coordinating/facilitating entity with other agencies.
- Pump don't dump: sanctuary should help regulate this. Needs to be enforced for ALL commercial vessels (pumping NOT dumping). Fine violators, adding station as Kihei Harbor, need more people to help (southern waters of Maui the worst) with clean water tests and quality control. Commercial boats responsible. Should charge all boats for pumping: flat fee required. Need regulations for cruise lines (pump). Need someone responsible for monitoring/enforcing.

#### Parking Lot Issues

- DLNR – invasive species
- monk seals in the MHI
- turtle harvest
- what is the Sanctuary's ability to lobby?
- What species? Think all are protected, why include them?
- Why expansion?
- Budget – what is the cost to the public to run all of the programs?
- Why do you want to expand the sanctuary?
- Are monk seals from here originally?
- What has the sanctuary actually done for whales?
- If more species are added and provided with habitat – supported artificially – it will expand beyond its natural boundaries – how do you affect the balance of nature?
- How is the whale sanctuary going to affect fishing? Are you going to kick us out?
- Could the sanctuary do a study on the effects of boat engines on whales?
- Why something isn't being done about water quality where we swim? Dumping is going on so why isn't anything being done?
- Who do you call with water quality issues/to report dumping, etc.?
- Whales now come up to boats because they have been habituated to whale-watching boats.
- Fishermen are not the cause of entanglements in Hawaii.
- Does the sanctuary have the power to enforce/implement all these new regulations?